



# Gaming is in the Details

RL2240H User Manual



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## **Power Safety**

Please follow these safety instructions for best performance, and long life for your monitor.

- The AC plug isolates this equipment from the AC supply.
- The power supply cord serves as a power disconnect device for pluggable equipment. The socket outlet should be installed near the equipment and be easily accessible.
- This product should be operated from the type of power indicated on the marked label. If you are not sure of the type of power available, consult your dealer or local power company.
- An approved power cord greater or equal to H03VV-F or H05VV-F, 2G or 3G, 0.75mm2 must be used.

## Care And Cleaning

- Cleaning. Always unplug your monitor from the wall outlet before cleaning. Clean the LCD monitor surface with a lint-free, non-abrasive cloth. Avoid using any liquid, aerosol or glass cleaners.
- Slots and openings on the back or top of the cabinet are for ventilation. They must not be blocked or covered. Your monitor should never be placed near or over a radiator or heat source, or in a built-in installation unless proper ventilation is provided.
- Never push objects or spill liquid of any kind into this product.

## Servicing

Do not attempt to service this product yourself, as opening or removing covers may expose you to dangerous voltages or other risks. If any of the above mentioned misuse or other accident such as dropping or mishandling occurs, contact qualified service personnel for servicing.

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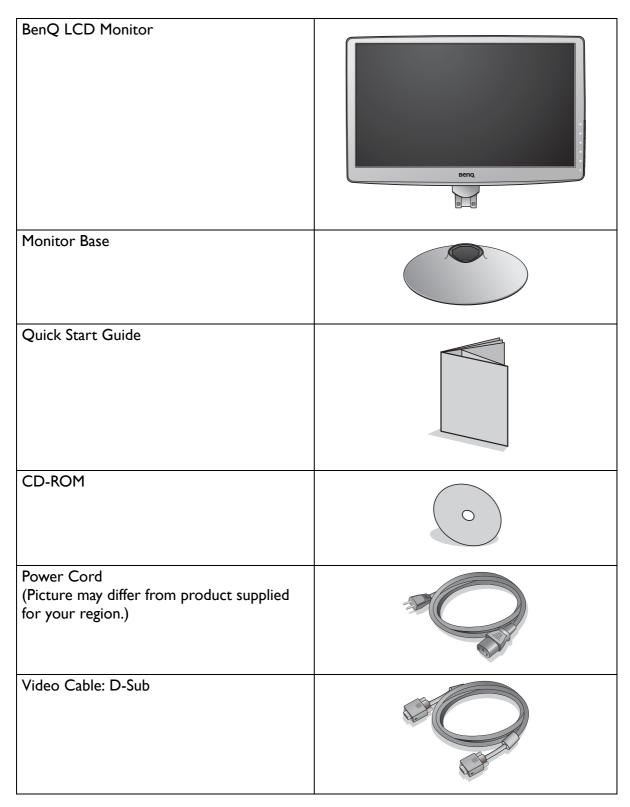


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# Getting started

When unpacking please check you have the following items. If any are missing or damaged, please contact the place of purchase for a replacement.



| Video Cable: DVI-D   | A LAND                        |
|--|-------------------------------|
| Video Cable: HDMI<br>(Optional accessory)  |                               |
| Consider keeping the box and packaging in storage for a monitor. The fitted foam packing is ideal for protecting the Always keep the product and accessories out of reach of the product and accessories out of reach of the product and accessories out of reach of the product and accessories out of the product accessories out of th | the monitor during transport. |

# Getting to know your monitor

#### Front view



- I. Control buttons
- 2. Power button

#### Back view



- 3. AC Power Input jack
- 4. Headphone jack
- 5. HDMI socket
- 6. DVI-D socket
- 7. D-Sub socket
- 8. Kensington lock slot

## How to assemble your monitor hardware

If the computer is turned on you must turn it off before continuing. Do not plug-in or turn-on the power to the monitor until instructed to do so.

#### I. Attach the monitor base.

Please be careful to prevent damage to the monitor. Placing the screen surface on an object like a stapler or a mouse will crack the glass or damage the LCD substrate voiding your warranty. Sliding or scraping the monitor around on your desk will scratch or damage the monitor surround and controls.

Protect the monitor and screen by clearing a flat open area on your desk and placing a soft item like the monitor packaging bag on the desk for padding.

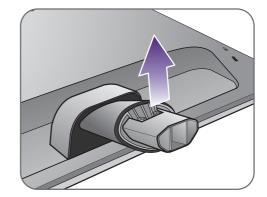
Gently lay the screen face down on a flat clean padded surface.

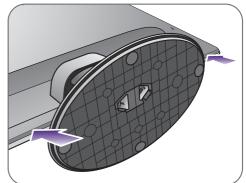
While holding the monitor firmly against the desk, pull the monitor stand arm upwards clear of the monitor.

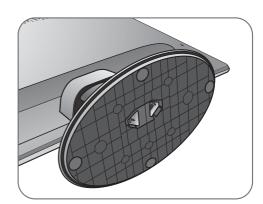
Orient and align the stand base socket with the end of the stand arm, then push them together until they click and lock into place.

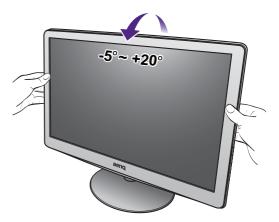
Gently attempt to pull them back apart to check that they have properly engaged.

Carefully lift the monitor, turn it over and place it upright on its stand on a flat even surface.









You should position the monitor and angle the screen to minimize unwanted reflections from other light sources.

#### 2. Connect the PC video cable

Do not use both DVI-D cable and D-Sub cable on the same PC. The only case in which both cables can be used is if they are connected to two different PCs with appropriate video systems.

#### To Connect the D-Sub Cable

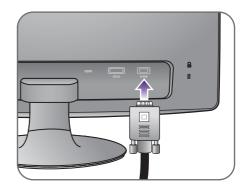
Connect the plug of the D-Sub cable (at the end without the ferrite filter) to the monitor video socket. Connect the other end of the cable (at the end with the ferrite filter) to the computer video socket.

Tighten all finger screws to prevent the plugs from accidently falling out during use.

#### To Connect the DVI-D Cable

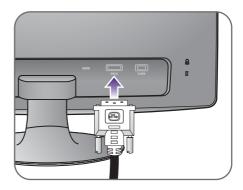
Connect the plug of the DVI-D cable (at the end without the ferrite filter) to the monitor video socket. Connect the other end of the cable (at the end with the ferrite filter) to the computer video socket.

Tighten all finger screws to prevent the plugs from accidently falling out during use.



Either

Or



Or

#### To Connect the HDMI Cable

Connect the plug of the HDMI cable to the HDMI port on the monitor. Connect the other end of the cable to the HDMI port of a digital output device.

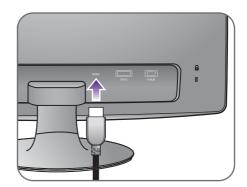
If there is more than one video transmission method available to you, you might want to take the picture quality of each video cable into consideration before making the connection.

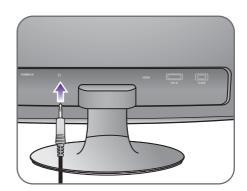
- Better quality: HDMI / DVI-D
- Good quality: D-Sub

The video cables included in your package and the socket illustrations on the right may vary depending on the product supplied for your region.

#### 3. Connect the headphones.

You may connect headphones to the headphone jack found on the back side of the monitor.





#### 4. Connect the power cable to the monitor.

Plug one end of the power cord into the socket labelled 'POWER IN' on the rear of the monitor. Do not connect the other end to a power outlet just yet.





#### 5. Connect-to and turn-on the power.

Plug the other end of the power cord into a power outlet and turn it on.

Picture may differ from product supplied for your region.

Turn on the monitor by pressing the power button on the monitor.

Turn on the computer too, and follow the instructions in Getting the most from your BenQ monitor on page 12 to install the monitor software.

To extend the service life of the product, we recommend that you use your computer's power management function.

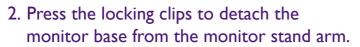
#### How to detach the stand base

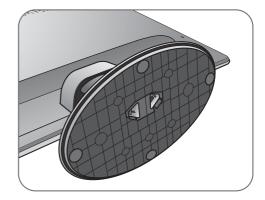
#### I. Prepare the monitor and area.

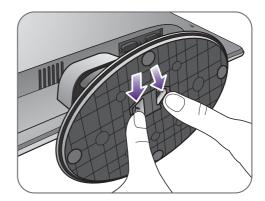
Turn off the monitor and the power before unplugging the power cable. Turn off the computer before unplugging the monitor signal cable.

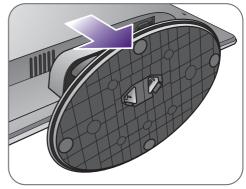
Protect the monitor and screen by clearing a flat open area on your desk and placing a soft item like a towel on the desk for padding, before laying the screen face down on a flat clean padded surface.

Please be careful to prevent damage to the monitor. Placing the screen surface on an object like a stapler or a mouse will crack the glass or damage the LCD substrate voiding your warranty. Sliding or scraping the monitor around on your desk will scratch or damage the monitor surround and controls.









## Getting the most from your BenQ monitor

To gain the most benefit from your new BenQ LCD monitor, you should install the custom BenQ LCD Monitor driver software as provided on the BenQ LCD Monitor CD-ROM.

The circumstances under which you connect and install your BenQ LCD Monitor will determine which process you need to follow to successfully install the BenQ LCD Monitor driver software. These circumstances relate to which version of Microsoft Windows you are using, and whether you are connecting the monitor and installing the software onto a new computer (without existing monitor driver software), or whether you are upgrading an existing installation (which already has existing monitor driver software) with a newer monitor.

In either case however, the very next time you turn on your computer (after connecting the monitor to your computer), Windows will automatically recognize the new (or different) hardware, and will launch its **Found New Hardware wizard**.

Follow the wizard instructions until it asks you to select a monitor model. At that point, click the **Have Disk** button, insert the BenQ LCD Monitor CD-ROM and select the appropriate monitor model. Further details and step-by-step instructions for either an automatic (new) or upgrade (existing) installation, see:

- How to install the monitor on a new computer on page 13.
- How to upgrade the monitor on an existing computer on page 14.
- If you require a User Name and Password to login to your Windows computer, you must be logged on as an Administrator or as a member of the Administrators group in order to install the monitor driver software. Furthermore, if your computer is connected to a network which has security access requirements, network policy settings may prevent you from installing software on your computer.
- To check the name of the purchased model, refer to the specification label on the back of the monitor.

#### How to install the monitor on a new computer

This instruction details the procedure for selecting and installing the BenQ LCD Monitor driver software on a new computer which has never had a monitor driver installed before. This instruction is only suitable for a computer which has never been used before, and for which the BenQ LCD Monitor is the first ever monitor to be connected to it.



If you are adding the BenQ LCD Monitor to an existing computer that has already had another monitor connected to it (and has monitor driver software installed), you should not be following these instructions. You should instead be following the instructions for How to upgrade the monitor on an existing computer.

- Follow the instructions in Getting the most from your BenQ monitor on page 12.
   When Windows starts, it will automatically detect the new monitor and launch the Found New Hardware Wizard. Follow the prompts until it displays the option to Install Hardware Device Drivers.
- 2. Insert the BenQ LCD Monitor CD-ROM into a CD drive on the computer.
- 3. Check Search for a suitable driver for my device option, and click Next.
- 4. Check the option for CD-ROM drives (uncheck all others) and click Next.
- 5. Look to confirm that the wizard has selected the correct name of your monitor and click **Next**.
- 6. Click Finish.
- 7. Restart the computer.

#### How to upgrade the monitor on an existing computer

This instruction details the procedure for manually updating the existing monitor driver software on your Microsoft Windows computer. It is currently tested as compatible for Windows Vista and Windows 7 Operating System (OS).

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The BenQ LCD Monitor driver for your model may well function perfectly with other versions of Windows, however, as at the time of writing, BenQ has done no testing of this driver on other versions of Windows and cannot guarantee its operation on those systems.

Installing monitor driver software involves selecting an appropriate information file (.inf) on the BenQ LCD Monitor CD-ROM for the particular model monitor you have connected, and letting Windows install the corresponding driver files from the CD. You need only steer it in the right direction. Windows has an Upgrade Device Driver Wizard to automate the task and guide you through the file selection and installation process.

See:

- How to install on Windows 7 system on page 15.
- How to install on Windows Vista systems on page 16.

#### How to install on Windows 7 system

I. Open Display Properties.

Go to **Start**, **Control Panel**, **Hardware and Sound**, **Devices and Printers** and right-click the name of your monitor from the menu.

Alternatively, right-click the desktop and select **Personalize**, **Display**, **Devices and Printers**, and right-click the name of your monitor from the menu.

- 2. Select Properties from the menu.
- 3. Click the Hardware tab.
- 4. Click Generic PnP Monitor, and then the Properties button.
- 5. Click the **Driver** tab and the **Update Driver** button.
- 6. Insert the BenQ LCD Monitor CD-ROM into a CD drive on the computer.
- 7. In the **Update Driver Software** window, select the option **Browse my computer for driver software**.
- 8. Click **Browse** and navigate to the following directory: d:\BenQ\_LCD\Driver\ (where d is the drive letter designator for the CD-ROM drive).

The drive letter for your CD drive may differ from the example above depending upon your system - it may be 'D:' or 'E:' or 'F:' etc.

- 9. Select the correct folder name of your monitor from provided driver list, and click **Next**. This will copy and install the appropriate monitor driver files to your computer.
- 10. Click Close.

You may be prompted to restart your computer after the driver update is complete.

#### How to install on Windows Vista systems

I. Open Display Settings.

Right-click the desktop and select **Personalize** from the popup menu.

Select **Display Settings** from the **Personalize appearance and sounds** window.

The **Display Settings** window will display.

- Click the Advanced Settings button.
   The Generic PnP Monitor Properties window will display.
- 3. Click the **Monitor** tab and the **Properties** button.
- 4. Click Continue in the prompted User Account Control window.
- 5. Click the **Driver** tab and the **Update Driver** button.
- 6. Insert the BenQ LCD Monitor CD-ROM into a CD drive on the computer.
- 7. In the **Update Driver Software** window, select the option **Browse my computer for driver software**.
- 8. Click **Browse** and navigate to the following directory: d:\BenQ\_LCD\Driver\ (where d is the drive letter designator for the CD-ROM drive).

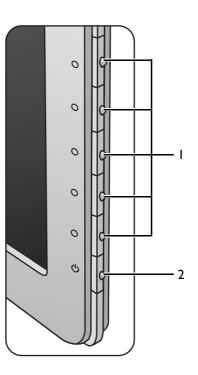
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# How to adjust your monitor

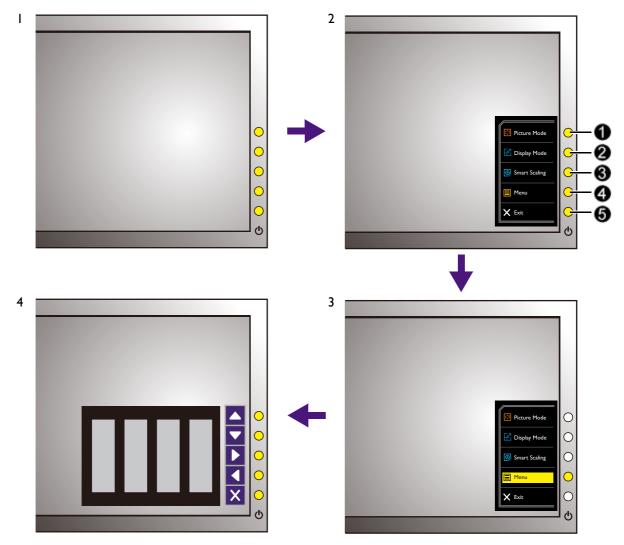
# The control panel



| No. | Name         | Description   |
|-----|--------------|---|
| 1.  | Control keys | Accesses the functions or menu items displayed on the screen, right next to each key. |
| 2.  | Power key    | Turns the power on or off.  |

#### Basic menu operation

All OSD (On Screen Display) menus can be accessed by the control keys. You can use the OSD menu to adjust all the settings on your monitor.



- I. Press any of the control keys.
- 2. The hot key menu is displayed. The top three controls are custom keys and are designated for particular functions.
- 3. Select Menu to access the main menu.
- 4. In the main menu, follow the icons next to the control keys to make adjustments or selection. See Navigating the main menu on page 22 for details on the menu options.

| No. | OSD in hot key<br>menu | OSD icon<br>in main<br>menu | Function   |
|-----|------------------------|-----------------------------|--|
| 0   | Custom Key 1           |                             | <ul> <li>By default, the key is the hot key for Picture Mode.<br/>To change the default settings, see Customizing the<br/>hot keys on page 20.</li> <li>For Up/Increase adjustment.</li> </ul> |

| No. | OSD in hot key<br>menu | OSD icon<br>in main<br>menu | Function  |
|-----|------------------------|-----------------------------|---|
| 0   | Custom Key 2           |                             | <ul> <li>By default, the key is the hot key for Display Mode.<br/>To change the default settings, see Customizing the<br/>hot keys on page 20.</li> <li>For Down/Decrease adjustment.</li> </ul>                  |
| 6   | Custom Key 3           | ▶ , ✓                       | <ul> <li>By default, the key is the hot key for Smart Scaling<br/>To change the default settings, see Customizing the<br/>hot keys on page 20.</li> <li>Enters sub menus.</li> <li>Selects menu items.</li> </ul> |
| 4   | MENU                   | •                           | <ul> <li>Activates the main menu.</li> <li>Returns to the previous menu.</li> </ul>   |
| 6   | Exit                   | ×                           | Exits OSD menu.   |

The hot keys only operate while the main menu is not currently displaying. Hot key displays will disappear after a few seconds of no key activity.

• To unlock the OSD controls, press and hold any key for 10 seconds.

#### Picture optimization

The default picture mode is **RTS**, which is designed for **RTS** games. If you prefer other picture modes, go to **Picture Advanced** and change setting in **Picture Mode**.

The easiest way to obtain an optimal display from an analog (D-Sub) input is to use the **Auto Adjustment** function. Go to **Display** and **Auto Adjustment** to optimize the currently displayed image to the screen.



When you connect a digital video output using a digital (DVI or HDMI) cable to your monitor, the **Auto Adjustment** function will be disabled, because the monitor will automatically display the best image.



Please ensure that the connected graphic card on your computer is set to the native resolution of the monitor when you use the **Auto Adjustment** function.

If you wish, you can always adjust the screen geometric settings manually using geometry menu items. To assist you in this endeavour, BenQ has provided a screen test image utility which you can use to check for screen color, grayscale and line gradient display.

- 1. Run the test program auto.exe from CD-ROM. You could also use any other image, such as the desktop of your operating system. However, we recommend that you use auto.exe. As you run auto.exe, a test pattern displays.
- 2. Press any of the control keys to bring up the hot key menu. Select **Menu** to enter the main menu.
- 3. Go to Display and Auto Adjustment.
- 4. If you notice a vertical noise (like a curtain effect-shimmering of vertical lines), select **Pixel Clock** and adjust the monitor until the noise disappears.
- 5. If you notice a horizontal noise, select **Phase** and adjust the monitor until the noise disappears.

#### Customizing the hot keys

The top 3 control keys (also called custom keys) perform as hot keys to provide direct access to pre-defined functions. You can change the default setting and designate different functions for these keys.

- 1. Press any of the control keys to bring up the hot key menu, and press **Menu** to access the main menu.
- 2. Go to System.
- 3. Select the custom key you want to change.
- 4. In the sub menu, select a function that can be accessed by this key. A pop-up message will appear, showing that the setup is complete.

#### Setting up your own game mode

There are several preset picture modes on your monitor that are suitable for games. To better suit your needs, you can change and save the related display settings, and switch to your own game mode easily.

- 1. Adjust the related display settings in different OSD menus. Settings that can be customized for game mode are:
  - Brightness (see page 25)
  - Contrast (see page 25)

- Sharpness (see page 25)
- Black eQualizer (see page 25)
- Gamma (see page 26)
- Color Temperature (see page 26)
- Hue (see page 26)
- Saturation (see page 26)
- AMA (see page 26)
- Instant Mode (see page 26)
- Picture Mode (see page 27)
- Display Mode (see page 28)
- Dynamic Contrast (see page 28)
- Smart Scaling (see page 29)
- Smart Focus (see page 29)
- Volume (see page 31)
- Mute (see page 31)
- 2. After all settings are done, go to Save Settings and save as one of the game modes.
- 3. If you want to switch to your game mode at any time, go to **Picture Advanced** and **Picture Mode**, and select the game mode you saved in Step 2. Your preferred display settings will be applied all at once.

#### Adjusting display mode

To display images of aspect ratio other than 16:9 and size other than 21.5", you can adjust the display mode on the monitor.

- I. Press any of the control keys to bring up the hot key menu, and press **Menu** to access the main menu.
- 2. Go to Picture Advanced and Display Mode.
- 3. Select an appropriate display mode. The setting will take effect immediately.

Switch to the desired display mode first, and follow the instructions in Using Smart Scaling on page 21 to adjust the display size to precisely suit your needs.

#### Using Smart Scaling

You can resize your display by Smart Scaling.

- I. Go to Picture Advanced and Smart Scaling.
- 2. Adjust the value.



• If one of the custom keys is preset for Smart Scaling, you can press the custom key and adjust the value directly. The Smart Scaling hot key is available when the Display Mode is set to 1:1 (and the resolution is lower than 1920 x 1080), 17", or 19"W.

- Your display may become unstable temporarily when being resized. This is a normal phenomenon and should not be considered as manufacturing defect.
- For more information on Smart Scaling, go to Smart Scaling on page 29.

## Navigating the main menu

You can use the OSD (On Screen Display) menu to adjust all the settings on your monitor. Press any of the control keys to bring up the hot key menu, and press **Menu** to access the main menu. See Basic menu operation on page 18 for details.

Available menu options may vary depending on the input sources, functions and settings. Menu options that are not available will become grayed out. And keys that are not available will be disabled and the corresponding OSD icons will disappear.

The OSD menu languages may differ from the product supplied to your region, see Language on page 33 under **System** and **OSD Settings** for more details.

For more information on each menu, please refer to the following pages:

- Display menu on page 23
- Picture menu on page 25
- Picture Advanced menu on page 27
- Save Settings menu on page 30
- Audio menu on page 31
- System menu on page 32

## Display menu

Available menu options may vary depending on the input sources, functions and settings. Menu options that are not available will become grayed out. And keys that are not available will be disabled and the corresponding OSD icons will disappear.

| F  |  |  |      |                    | Mode: Standard       |    |
|----|--|--|------|--------------------|----------------------|----|
|    | → Construction         Picture         Picture Advanced         Image: Save Settings         Image: Save Settings | Auto Adjustment<br>H.Position<br>V.Postion<br>Pixel Clock<br>Phase |      | 50                 |                      |    |
| ١. | Select <b>Menu</b> from th   | ne hot key menu.   |      |                    |                      |    |
| 2. | Use 🔺 or 🔽 to  | select <b>Display</b> .  |      |                    |                      |    |
| 3. | Select 🚺 to go to  | a sub menu, and  | the  | en use 🔼 or 🔽 to   | o select a menu iten | n. |
| 4. | Use 🔼 or 🔽 to  | make adjustment  | s, c | or use 🔽 to make s | election.            |    |
| 5. | To return to the pre   | vious menu, sele   | ct   | ◀.                 |                      |    |

6. To exit the menu, select  $\times$  .

| ltem            | Function  | Range    |
|-----------------|---|----------|
| Auto Adjustment | Optimizes and adjusts the screen settings automatically for you.  |          |
|                 | Not applicable to a digital input signal.   |          |
| H. Position     | Adjusts the horizontal position of the screen image.  | 0 to 100 |
| V. Position     | Adjusts the vertical position of the screen image.  | 0 to 100 |
| Pixel Clock     | Adjusts the pixel clock frequency timing to<br>synchronize with the analog input video signal.<br>See also: Picture optimization on page 20.<br>Not applicable to a digital input signal. | 0 to 100 |

| ltem  | Function   | Range   |
|-------|--|---------|
| Phase | Adjusts the pixel clock phase timing to synchronize<br>with the analog input video signal.<br>See also: Picture optimization on page 20. | 0 to 63 |
|       | Not applicable to a digital input signal.  |         |

#### Picture menu

Available menu options may vary depending on the input sources, functions and settings. Menu options that are not available will become grayed out. And keys that are not available will be disabled and the corresponding OSD icons will disappear.

|   |   |     |  |    | Mode: P  | hoto          |        |    |
|---|---|-----|--|----|----------|---------------|--------|----|
| →       Display         →       Picture         →       Picture Advanced         →       Save Settings         →       Audio         →       System | Brightness<br>Contrast<br>Sharpness<br>Black eQualizer<br>Gamma<br>Color Temperature<br>Hue<br>Saturation | >   | Normal<br>Bluish<br>Reddish<br>User Mode ✓ |    |          | G B<br>D0 100 |        |    |
| <ol> <li>Select Menu from th</li> <li>Use or to</li> <li>Select b to go to</li> </ol>   | select <b>Picture</b> .   | the | en use 🔼 or                                | to | o select | a menu        | ı item | ı. |

- 4. Use or to make adjustments, or use to make selection.
- 5. To return to the previous menu, select **I**.
- 6. To exit the menu, select  $\times$ .

| ltem               | Function   | Range    |
|--------------------|--|----------|
| Brightness         | Adjusts the balance between light and dark shades.   | 0 to 100 |
| Contrast           | Adjusts the degree of difference between darkness and lightness.   | 0 to 100 |
| Sharpness          | Adjusts the clarity and visibility of the edges of the subjects in the image.  | l to 10  |
| Black<br>eQualizer | Brings out the dark shades by increasing the brightness without changing those of the light shades.  | 0 ~ 20   |
|                    | If the image is too bright or barely contains any dark shades,<br>adjusting the value of Black eQualizer may not show much change<br>to the image. |          |

| ltem                 |  | Function   | Range                                     |  |  |  |  |
|----------------------|--|--|---|--|--|--|--|
| Gamma                | •  | Adjusts the tone luminance. The default value is 3 (the standard value for Windows).   |   |  |  |  |  |
| Color<br>Temperature | Normal   | Allows video and still photographs to be viewed<br>with natural coloring. This is the factory default<br>color.  |   |  |  |  |  |
|                      | Bluish   | Applies a cool tint to the image and is factory pre-set to the PC industry standard white color.   |   |  |  |  |  |
|                      | Reddish  | Applies a warm tint to the image and is factory pre-set to the news print standard white color.  |   |  |  |  |  |
|                      | User<br>Mode   | The blend of the Red, Green and Blue primary<br>colors can be altered to change the color tint of<br>the image. Go to the succeeding <b>R</b> (red), <b>G</b><br>(green), and <b>B</b> (blue) menus to change the<br>settings.<br>Decreasing one or more of the colors will<br>reduce their respective influence on the color<br>tint of the image. (e.g. if you reduce the Blue<br>level the image will gradually take on a yellowish<br>tint. If you reduce Green, the image will become<br>a magenta tint.) | • R (0~100)<br>• G (0~100)<br>• B (0~100) |  |  |  |  |
| Hue                  | Adjusts th   | e degree of how we perceive colors.  | 0~100                                     |  |  |  |  |
| Saturation           | Adjusts th   | e purity degree of colors.   | 0~100                                     |  |  |  |  |
| Reset Color<br>AMA   | Resets the<br>Improves t                                     | • YES • NO • ON • OFF  |   |  |  |  |  |
| Instant<br>Mode      | Adjusts th<br>have a real<br>To opti<br>is inter<br>go to \$ | • ON<br>• OFF  |   |  |  |  |  |

#### Picture Advanced menu

Available menu options may vary depending on the input sources, functions and settings. Menu options that are not available will become grayed out. And keys that are not available will be disabled and the corresponding OSD icons will disappear.

|                  |                   |          | Mode: RTS |   |
|------------------|-------------------|----------|-----------|---|
|                  |                   |          |           |   |
| →↓<br>← Display  | Picture Mode      | Standard |           |   |
| Picture          | Senseye Demo      | Movie    |           |   |
| Picture Advanced | Dynamic Contrast  | Photo    |           |   |
| Save Settings    | Over-scan         | sRGB     |           |   |
| ■【)) Audio       | Display Mode      | Eco      |           |   |
| ア System         | Smart Scaling     | RTS 🗸    |           |   |
|                  | Color Format      | Gamer I  |           |   |
|                  | HDMI RGB PC Range | Gamer2   |           | X |
|                  | <b></b>           | <b>▼</b> |           |   |

- I. Select **Menu** from the hot key menu.
- 2. Use or to select **Picture Advanced**.
- 3. Select **b** to go to a sub menu, and then use **b** or **b** to select a menu item.
- 4. Use or to make adjustments, or use to make selection.
- 5. To return to the previous menu, select <
- 6. To exit the menu, select  $\times$ .

| ltem            |                                | Range   |  |
|-----------------|--------------------------------|---|--|
| Picture<br>Mode | Select a picto<br>on the scree |   |  |
|                 | 🖉 The defau                    | It setting is <b>RTS</b> . Change the setting if needed.  |  |
|                 | Standard                       | For basic PC application.   |  |
|                 | Movie                          | For viewing videos.   |  |
|                 | Photo                          | For viewing still images.   |  |
|                 | sRGB                           | For better color matching representation with<br>the peripheral devices, such as printers, digital<br>cameras, etc. |  |
|                 | Eco                            | For saving electricity with low power<br>consumption by providing minimum brightness<br>for all running programs.   |  |

| ltem                |  | Function  | Range         |
|---------------------|--|---|---------------|
|                     | RTS  | For playing RTS (Real-time strategy) games.   |               |
|                     | Gamer1   | Applies customized display settings.  | -             |
|                     | Gamer2   | For details on setting up a game mode, see Setting  |               |
|                     | Gamer3   | up your own game mode on page 20.   |               |
| Senseye<br>Demo     | mode from Pi<br>windows; the   | preview of screen images under the selected<br>icture Mode. The screen will be divided into two<br>left window demonstrates images of Standard<br>the right window presents the images under the<br>le. | • ON<br>• OFF |
| Dynamic<br>Contrast |  | is to automatically detect the distribution of an gnal, and then to create the optimal contrast.  | 0 to 5        |
| Over-scan           | annoying edge  | ges the input image. Use this feature to hide<br>e noise if present around your image.<br>only when the input source is HDMI or D-Sub (VGA<br>from Component).  | • ON<br>• OFF |
| Display<br>Mode     | This feature is<br>to be displaye<br>The option<br>input signa<br>Depending<br>Mode opti |   |               |
|                     | Full   | Scales the input image to fill the screen. Ideal for 16:9 aspect images.  |               |
|                     | Aspect   | The input image is displayed without geometric distortion filling as much of the display as possible.   |               |
|                     | 1:1  | Displays the input image in its native resolution without scaling.  |               |
|                     | 17" (4:3)  | Displays the input image as if on a 17" monitor of 4:3 aspect ratio.  |               |
|                     | 19" (4:3)  | Displays the input image as if on a 19" monitor of 4:3 aspect ratio.  |               |
|                     | 19"W<br>(16:10)  | Displays the input image as if on a 19"W monitor of 16:10 aspect ratio.   |               |
|                     | 21.5" (16:9)   | Displays the input image as if on a 21.5" monitor of 16:9 aspect ratio.   |               |

| ltem                 |   | Function  | Range                                     |
|----------------------|---|---|---|
| Smart<br>Scaling     | If the <b>Disp</b> different re                     | isplay size to best suit your needs.<br>Iay Mode is 17" or 19"W, the last 2 scaling settings (in<br>esolutions of the input source) will be saved for quick                                     |   |
|                      | lower than  | <b>Iay Mode</b> is <b>1:1</b> (and the resolution of the input source is<br>a 1920 x 1080), the last 5 scaling settings (in different<br>s of the input source) will be saved for quick access. |   |
| Color<br>Format      | Determines t<br>detected vide                       | he color space ( <b>RGB</b> or <b>YUV</b> ) based on the color space ( <b>RGB</b> or <b>YUV</b> ) based on the  |   |
|                      | 0   | need to manually set the <b>Color Format</b> if colors shown on or screen do not display properly.  |   |
|                      |   | source is HDMI, color format is not selectable. In other <b>lor Format</b> is automatically set depending on the input ree.   |   |
|                      | RGB   | <ul><li>For D-Sub (VGA) input source from PC.</li><li>For DVI input source.</li></ul>   |   |
|                      | YUV   | For D-Sub (Component converted from VGA) input source from a video device.  |   |
| HDMI RGB<br>PC Range | matches the RGB range setting on the connected HDMI |   | • RGB (0 ~<br>255)<br>• RGB (16 ~<br>235) |
| Smart<br>Focus       |   | provides a highlight area to focus on certain<br>a YouTube video or an online game.   |   |
|                      | Size  | Determines the size of the highlight area.  | • Small<br>• Large<br>• OFF               |
|                      | H. Position   | Adjusts the horizontal position of the highlight area.  | 0~100                                     |
|                      | V. Position   | Adjusts the vertical position of the highlight area.  | 0~100                                     |
|                      | Scaling   | Scales the highlight area.  | 0~100                                     |

#### Save Settings menu

Available menu options may vary depending on the input sources, functions and settings. Menu options that are not available will become grayed out. And keys that are not available will be disabled and the corresponding OSD icons will disappear.

| ŕ  |  |                                 |     |               |    | Mode: RTS             |  |
|----|--|---------------------------------|-----|---------------|----|-----------------------|--|
|    | <ul> <li>→← Display</li> <li>✓ Picture</li> <li>✓ Picture Advanced</li> <li>✓ Save Settings</li> </ul> | Gamer I ✓<br>Gamer 2<br>Gamer 3 |     |               |    |                       |  |
|    | ∎()) Audio<br>J System   |                                 | _   |               |    |                       |  |
|    | Select <b>Menu</b> from th<br>Use or to s  | -                               |     | S.            |    |                       |  |
| 3. | Select 🕨 to go to  | a sub menu, and                 | the | en use 🔺 or 🔽 | to | o select a menu item. |  |
| 4. | Use 🔽 to make se   | lection.                        |     |               |    |                       |  |
| 5. | To return to the pre   | vious menu, sele                | ct  | ◀.            |    |                       |  |

6. To exit the menu, select  $\times$ .

| ltem    | Function  | Range |
|---------|---|-------|
| Gamer 1 | Saves a new set of customized display settings.   | -     |
| Gamer 2 |   |       |
| Gamer 3 | See Setting up your own game mode on page 20 for information on applying the game mode. |       |

#### Audio menu

Available menu options may vary depending on the input sources, functions and settings. Menu options that are not available will become grayed out. And keys that are not available will be disabled and the corresponding OSD icons will disappear.

|   |                       |   |             |           | Mode: Standard  |       |
|---|-----------------------|---|-------------|-----------|-----------------|-------|
| → Display<br>Picture<br>Picture<br>Save S<br>C<br>Audio<br>Systen | e Advanced<br>ettings | Volume<br>Mute                            | 50          |           |                 |       |
|   |                       | ne hot key menu.<br>select <b>Audio</b> . |             |           |                 |       |
|   | _                     | a sub menu, and                           | then use 🔼  | or 🔽 to   | o select a menu | item. |
| 4. Use 🔼  | or 🔽 to               | make adjustment                           | s, or use 🔽 | to make s | selection.      |       |
| 5. To retur   | n to the pre          | evious menu, seled                        | ct 🚺.       |           |                 |       |

6. To exit the menu, select  $\times$ .

| ltem   | Function                  | Range         |
|--------|---------------------------|---------------|
| Volume | Adjusts the audio volume. | 0 ~ 100       |
| Mute   | Mutes the audio input.    | • ON<br>• OFF |

## System menu

Available menu options may vary depending on the input sources, functions and settings. Menu options that are not available will become grayed out. And keys that are not available will be disabled and the corresponding OSD icons will disappear.

|                         |  |                | Mode: Standard         |  |  |
|-------------------------|--|----------------|------------------------|--|--|
|                         |  |                |                        |  |  |
| → Display               | Input  | D-Sub          |                        |  |  |
| Picture                 | OSD Settings   | DVI            |                        |  |  |
| Picture Advanced        | Custom Key I   | HDMI           |                        |  |  |
| Save Settings           | Custom Key 2   |                |                        |  |  |
| ■()) Audio              | Custom Key 3   |                |                        |  |  |
| System                  | Auto Power Off   |                |                        |  |  |
|                         | DDC/CI   |                |                        |  |  |
|                         | HDMI Auto Switch   |                |                        |  |  |
|                         | ▼  |                | /                      |  |  |
|                         | <ol> <li>Select Menu from the hot key menu.</li> <li>Use or to select System.</li> </ol> |                |                        |  |  |
|                         | •  |                |                        |  |  |
| 3. Select 🚺 to go to    | a sub menu, and th   | en use 🚹 or 🔽  | to select a menu item. |  |  |
| 4. Use 📥 or 🔽 to        | make adjustments,  | or use 🗹 to ma | ke selection.          |  |  |
| 5. To return to the pre | vious menu, select   | ◀.             |                        |  |  |

6. To exit the menu, select  $\times$ .

| ltem  | Function  | Range                      |
|-------|---|----------------------------|
| Input | Use this to change the input to that appropriate to your video cable connection type. | • D-Sub<br>• DVI<br>• HDMI |

| ltem              |                 | Function   | Range   |
|-------------------|-----------------|--|---|
| OSD<br>Settings   | Language        | Sets the OSD menu language.<br>The language options displayed on your OSD may<br>differ from those shown on the right, depending<br>on the product supplied in your region.  | <ul> <li>English</li> <li>Français</li> <li>Deutsch</li> <li>Italiano</li> <li>Español</li> <li>Polski</li> <li>Česky</li> <li>Magyar</li> <li>Serbo-croatia</li> <li>Română</li> <li>Nederlands</li> <li>Pyccкий</li> <li>Svenska</li> <li>Português</li> <li>日本語</li> <li>繁體中文</li> <li>简体中文</li> </ul> |
|                   | Display<br>Time | Adjusts the display time of the OSD menu.  | <ul> <li>5 Sec.</li> <li>10 Sec.</li> <li>15 Sec.</li> <li>20 Sec.</li> <li>25 Sec.</li> <li>30 Sec.</li> </ul>   |
|                   | OSD Lock        | Prevents all the monitor settings from being<br>accidentally changed. When this function is<br>activated, the OSD controls and hotkey<br>operations will be disabled.<br>To unlock the OSD controls, press and hold any<br>key for 10 seconds. |   |
| Customer<br>Key 1 | Sets the fun    | ction to be accessed by custom key 1.  | <ul><li>Picture mode</li><li>Display Mode</li></ul>   |
| Customer<br>Key 2 | Sets the fun    | ction to be accessed by custom key 2.  | Smart Scaling     Brightness  |
| Customer<br>Key 3 | Sets the fun    | ction to be accessed by custom key 3.  | <ul> <li>Contrast</li> <li>Smart Focus</li> <li>Volume</li> <li>Mute</li> <li>Input</li> <li>Black</li> <li>eQualizer</li> </ul>  |

| ltem                 | Function  | Range   |
|----------------------|---|---|
| Auto Power<br>Off    | Sets the time to power off the monitor automatically in power saving mode.  | • OFF<br>• 10min.<br>• 20min.<br>• 30min.   |
| DDC/CI               | Allows the monitor settings to be set through the software<br>on the PC.<br>DDC/CI, short for Display Data Channel/Command Interface,<br>which was developed by Video Electronics Standards Association<br>(VESA). DDC/CI capability allows monitor controls to be sent via<br>the software for remote diagnostics. | • ON<br>• OFF   |
| HDMI Auto<br>Switch  | When this function is activated, HDMI port will be in the input auto select loop. Otherwise, HDMI can only be selected by input select or by hot key.   | • ON<br>• OFF   |
| Resolution<br>Notice | Sets whether to display the resolution notice of the recommended resolution when a new input source is detected by the monitor.   | • ON<br>• OFF   |
| Information          | Displays the current monitor property settings.   | <ul> <li>Input</li> <li>Current<br/>Resolution</li> <li>Optimum<br/>Resolution<br/>(best with the<br/>monitor)</li> <li>Model Name</li> </ul> |
| Reset All            | Resets all mode, color and geometry settings to the factory default values.   | • YES<br>• NO   |

# Troubleshooting

## Frequently asked questions (FAQ)

The image is blurred.

Read the instructions on the link "Adjusting the Screen Resolution" on the CD, and then select the correct resolution, refresh rate and make adjustments based on these instructions.

How do you use a VGA extension cable?

Remove the extension cable for the test. Is the image now in focus? If not, optimize the image by working through the instructions in the "Adjusting the refresh rate" section on the link "Adjusting the Screen Resolution". It is normal for blurring to occur due to conduction losses in extension cables. You can minimize these losses by using an extension cable with better conduction quality or with a built-in booster.

Does the blurring only occur at resolutions lower than the native (maximum) resolution?

Read the instructions on the link "Adjusting the Screen Resolution" on the CD. Select the native resolution.



Pixel errors can be seen.

One of several pixels is permanently black, one or more pixels are permanently white, one or more pixels are permanently red, green, blue or another color.

- Clean the LCD screen.
  - Cycle power on-off.
  - These are pixels that are permanently on or off and is a natural defect that occurs in LCD technology.



The image has a faulty coloration.

It has a yellow, blue or pink appearance.

Go to **Picture** and **Reset Color**, and then choose **YES** to reset the color settings to the factory defaults.

If the image is still not correct and the OSD also has faulty coloration, this means one of the three primary colors is missing in the signal input. Now check the signal cable connectors. If any pin is bent or broken off, please contact your dealer to get necessary support.



No image can be seen.

Is the prompt on the display illuminated in green?

If the LED is illuminated in green and there is a message **Out of Range** on the screen, this means you are using a display mode that this monitor does not support, please change the setting to one of the supported mode. Please read the "**Preset display modes**" section from the link **"Adjusting the Screen Resolution"**.

- 2) Faint shadow from the static image displayed is visible on the screen.
- Activate the power management function to let your computer and monitor go into a low power "sleep" mode when not actively in use.
  - Use a screensaver to prevent the occurrence of image retention.
- Is the prompt on the display illuminated in orange?

If the LED is illuminated in orange, the power management mode is active. Press any button on the computer keyboard or move the mouse. If that does not help, check the signal cable connectors. If any pin is bent or broken off, please contact your dealer to get necessary support.

- Is the prompt on the display not illuminated at all?
- Check the power supply mains socket, the external power supply and the mains switch.
- The image is distorted, flashes or flickers.
- Pead the instructions on the link "Adjusting the Screen Resolution" on the CD, and then select the correct resolution, refresh rate and make adjustments based on these instructions.
- 2) You are running the monitor at its native resolution, but the image is still distorted.
  - Images from different input sources may appear distorted or stretched on the monitor running at its native resolution. To have the optimal display performance of each type of input sources, you can use the **Display Mode** function to set a proper aspect ratio for the input sources. See Display Mode on page 28 for details.
  - The image is displaced in one direction.
    - Read the instructions on the link "Adjusting the Screen Resolution" on the CD, and then select the correct resolution, refresh rate and make adjustments based on these instructions.
  - The OSD controls are inaccessible.
  - To unlock the OSD controls when it is preset to be locked, press and hold any key for 10 second.
  - No sound can be heard from the connected external speakers.
  - Remove your headphone (if the headphone is connected to the monitor).
  - Check whether the headphone jack is properly connected.
  - If the external speakers are USB-powered, check whether the USB connection is OK.
  - Increase the volume (volume may be muted or too low) on the external speakers.

#### Need more help?

If your problems remain after checking this manual, please contact your place of purchase or e-mail us at: Support@BenQ.com.